

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 200-2020

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES
FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL, AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**

CODE REVIEW AND TOWN PROPERTY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council); and

WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building - is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the Town of Westfield's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock and continued procurement practices (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westfield additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green building scorecard as a discussion item within the Site Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g., amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc. to residents of the municipality).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Westfield hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities, and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

I hereby certify that the within Resolution is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Westfield Town Council at their meeting of September 8, 2020.



Tara Rowley, RMC
Town Clerk